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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
Jean-Pierre ROBIN et al	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned)	)	Examiner: Unassigned
Filing Date: March 16, 1999	)	
For: NOVEL CEPHALOTAXANE	)	
DERIVATIVES AND PROCESS	)	
FOR THEIR PREPARATION	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for the preparation of sidechain-bearing cephalotaxane of the following formula and/or a salt thereof



where

$\Omega$  ("omega") is a representative radical of the chain terminal moiety and -CO- is the carbonyl of the ester group bonded to cephalotaxane;

the  $\Omega$ -CO-radical is corresponding:

- either to the following substituted heterocycloalkane formula;

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